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Call for ESCMID Ethics Advisory Committee members

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On behalf of the ESCMID Executive Committee, we are pleased to announce an open call for a new member of the ESCMID Ethical Advisory Committee. The duration of term is until April 2028 (after ESCMID Global).

The European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (ESCMID) is the leading society in the world in clinical microbiology and infectious diseases, with members from all European countries and on all continents.

The ESCMID Ethical Advisory Committee (EEAC) is an independent body with the main duty of counselling on specific ethical, regulatory, social and philosophical issues related to ESCMID funded-research projects and scientific behaviour of members or appointed persons in matters related to ESCMID activities.

Responsibilities of the EEAC members include:

- Review and maintain the ***ESCMID Code of Conduct***
- Advise the EC upon request by the EC or other members of ESCMID about specific ethical issues arising from their ESCMID funded-research projects or by collaborators.
- Revise the conflict-of-interest disclosure processes for ESCMID activities and collaborators, and mediate disputes concerning conflicts of interest.
- Review and update the *ESCMID Operating Procedure: guidance regarding conflicts of interest*
- Oversee complaints concerning possible unethical conduct of ESCMID members or collaborators. Advise the EC on actions, policies to be implemented to resolve, mitigate or manage the situation.
- Develop and maintain an appeal process
- Answer requests for interpretation of the principles of ethics, or the *ESCMID Code of Conduct*
- Issue general recommendations on ethical principles of professional and scientific conduct related to the research or management of clinical microbiology and infectious diseases.
- Report annually to the EC on the previous year major ethical concerns and foreseeable future disputes.
- Collaborate with the ESCMID Guidelines Committee in evaluating ethic issues.
- Promote high ethical standards in research in infectious diseases.

Qualifications and requirements

The call to join the EEAC is open to ESCMID members. Non-members with appropriate expertise such as ethics, law, philosophy and social sciences could be considered.

Applicants must be free of any conflict of interest.

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The ideal candidate, other than a scientific or medical background, has experience in developing and evaluating conflict of interest policies and/or an expertise in code of ethics in the scientific and medical field as well as experience and sensitisation in ethical issues management. Applicants with a record of active engagement in such subjects will be preferred.

Qualified applicants are invited to send their Curriculum Vitae together with 2 supporting letters and their CoI statement (please fill in the ESCMID CoI declaration form here: https://my.escmid.org/login) to chiara.speziale@escmid.org by **30 June 2024**.